(d) if not, the price of wheat at the time of taking the said decision and also at the time of procurement made by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was decided to import one million tons on 18.4.2007 and one million tons on 22.6.2007 in suitable tranches.

(c) The prices quoted in the international market on 18.4.2007 and 22.6.2007 are as follows:

Variety of wheat	Origin	Prices ($/ton, fob)	
		18.4.07	22.6.07
SRW	US	179	217
HRW	US	213	235
ASW	Australia	243	253
Up River	Argentina	213	242
St. Lawrence I CWRS 13.5%	Canada	240	269
EU Gr. I	France	226	237

Source: IGC Daily Monitor

A tender was floated by STC on 30.4.2007 for purchase of one million tons of wheat. The lowest price offered was US $ 263 per ton and highest price offered was US $ 302 per ton.

(d) A tender was floated on 26.6.2007 by STC for import of one million tons of wheat. Out of the offers received it was decided to purchase 5.11 lakh tons of wheat at prices given below:

Quantity — Lakh MT (+/-5%)	Prices (in US $)
1.28	317.95
0.65	324.10
0.65	327.10
1.28	328.95
1.25	329.95

The weighted average price of wheat is US $ 325.59 per ton C&F(FO)

Sugar industry in Karnataka

46. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the specific aspects of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) that India has entered into in respect of sugar;

(b) how many sugar manufacturing factories are there in Karnataka with names and the place they are located at;

(c) the total produce of sugarcane and sugar from the State;

(d) the quantity of un-marketed sugar and the loss accrued, thereupon; and

(e) how Government propose to revive the loss making sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), 1947 as well as GATT, 1994, do not refer to sugar specifically. Sugar is covered under the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA). Therefore, all provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture are applicable to sugar.

(b) Commissioner for Cane Development, Karnataka, has reported that there are fifty five sugar manufacturing factories in Karnataka. Out of these, forty seven sugar factories worked in 2006-07 sugar season. The names and locations of sugar manufacturing factory in Karnataka are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Commissioner for Cane Development, Karnataka, has intimated that the total sugarcane and sugar production in Karnataka for the 2006-07 sugar season is estimated at 387 lac tons and 25.92 lac tons (upto 30.06.2007) respectively.

(d) Commissioner for Cane Development, Karnataka has intimated that the total sugar stock as on 30.06.2007 in Karnataka sugar factories is 13.46 lac tons. Due to steep fall in sugar price, sugar mills are reported to be incurring loss of Rs. 100-150 per bag of sugar produced.

(e) Commissioner for Cane Development, Karnataka, has intimated that Government of Karnataka is proposing to lease out cooperative sugar factories which are under loss. Five such cooperative sugar factories have been leased out. Another 3-4 sugar factories, which are in loss, will be leased out in the next six months. Two private sugar factories, which were under loss and defunct, have been revived by the private entrepreneurs and started crushing operations from 2006-07 sugar season.

Statement

List of sugar mills of Karnataka with names and location

1. Pandavapura SSK Ltd., Pandavapura, Distt. Mandya.
2. Mysore Sugar Co. Ltd., Mandya, Distt. Mandya.
3. Chamundeshwari Sugars Ltd., K.M. Doddi, Tal. Madur, Distt. Mandya.
4. ICL Sugars Ltd., Makkavalli, Tal. Krishnarajpet, Distt. Mandya.
5. The India Sugar & Refineries Ltd., P.O. Chitwadgi, Hospet, Distt. Bellary.
6. The Sundri Sugar Ltd., P.O. Kampli, Distt. Bellary.
7. Siruguppa Sugars & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd., Siruguppa Taluk, Distt. Bellary.
8. Shamanur Sugars Ltd., Duggavathi, Tk. Harapanahalli, Distt. Bellary.
9. Salarjung Sugar Mills Ltd., Munirabad, Distt. Raichur.
10. Gangavati Sugars Ltd., Pragatinagar Tal., Gangavati, Distt. Raichur.

11. The Ugar Sugar Works Ltd., Ugarkhurd. Distt. Belgaum.
12. Shri Malaprabha Coop. Sugar Factory Ltd., Muguthan Hubli, Distt. Belgaum.
13. Shree Doodhaganga Krishna SSK Niyamit, Chikodi, Distt. Belgaum.
14. Raibag SSK Niyamit, Taluk Raibag, Distt. Belgaum.
15. The Ghataprabha SSK Niyamit, Gokak, Distt. Belgaum.
16. Shri Halasidhanath SSK Ltd., Nipani, Teh. Chikodi, Distt. Belgaum.
17. Shri Hiranyakeshi SSK Niyamit, Sankeshwar, Distt. Belgaum.
18. Shri Bhagyalaxmi SSK Ltd., Mansapur, Taluk Khanapur, Distt. Belgaum
19. Tungbhadra Sugar Works Pvt. Ltd., Shimoga, Distt. Shimoga.
20. Mysore Paper Mills Ltd., Bhadravati, Distt. Shimoga.
21. Gauribidanaur SSK Ltd., Gauribidanaur, Distt. Kolar.
22. Bidar SSK Ltd., Hallikhed, Distt. Bidar.
23. Vanivilasa Coop. Sugar Factory Ltd., Hiriyur, Distt. Chitradurga.
24. Bhadra SSK Niyamit, Doddabathi Taluk Davangere, Distt. Chitradurga.
25. Davangere Sugar Co. Ltd., Davangere, Kukkavada, Distt. Chitradurga.
26. The Godavari Sugar Mills Ltd., Sameerwadi, Mudhol, Distt. Bijapur.
27. Nandi SSK Ltd., Near Chikka Galagali, Distt. Bijapur.
28. Rayatara SSK Niyamit, Rannanagar Tk. Mudhol Distt. Bijapur.
29. Maheswara Sugars Ltd., Kollegal, Distt. Mysore.
30. Bannari Amman Sugars Ltd., Alaganchi Village, Tal. Nanjangud, Distt. Mysore.
31. Shreerama SSK Ltd., Chunchanakatte, K.R. Nagar, Distt. Mysore
32. Karnataka SSK Ltd., Haveri Distt. Dharwad.
33. The Hemavathy SSK Ltd., Hassan, Distt. Hassan.
34. Dakshina Kannada Sahakari S. Karkhana Ltd., Mangalore, Tal. & Distt. South Kanara.
35. SSK Niyamit Teh. Aland, Distt. Gulburga.
36. Renuka Sugars Ltd., Manoli, Tal. Sawadathi, Distt. Belgaum.
37. Prabhulingeshwar Sugar Works Ltd., Siddapur, Tk. Jamkhandi, Distt. Bagalkot.
38. Jamkhandi Sugars Ltd., Hirapadasalagi, Teh. Jamkhandi, Distt. Bijapur.
39. Nirani Sugars Ltd. Mudhol, Distt. Bagalkot.
40. Athani Farmars Sugar Factory Madabhavi Village, Tk. Athani, Distt. Belgaum.
41. Vankteshwara Power Project Ltd. Bedakihal, Chikodi, Belgaum.
42. Naranja SSK Ltd. Chillergi, Bidar.
43. Krishna SSK Ltd. Kokatnur, Athani, Belgaum.
44. Gem Sugars Ltd., Kundargi, Biligi, Distt. Bagalkot.
45. Mahatma Gandhi SSK Ltd., Bhalki, Bidar.
46. Dnyanyogi Shri Shiv Kumar Swamiji Sugar Ltd., Hirebenur, Indi, Bijapur.

47. SCM Sugars Ltd., Koppa, Maddur, Mandya.

48. M/s Bhavani Khandsari Sugars Ltd., Baroor, Distt. Bidar

49. M/s Gokak Power & Distilleries Ltd., Hemashyal P.G. Gokak, Belgaum.

50. M/s Bilagi Sugar Mills Ltd., Badagandi, Bilagi Bagalkot.

51. M/s Shri Someshwar SSK N. Siddasamudra, Belawadi, Tal. Bailhongal, Distt. Belgaum.

52. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Havalga, Tk. Afzalpur, Distt. Gulbarga

53. Badami Sugars Ltd., At & P.O. Badami, Distt. Bagalkot.

54. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Buralatti, Tk. Athani, Distt. Belgaum.

55. Vishwanath Sugars Ltd., (*) Belladabagevadi.

(*) This sugar mill is yet to be allotted a Code Number by the Directorate of Sugar).

Shortcoming in PDS

†47. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several shortcomings primarily in the present public distribution system of the country;

(b) if so, the shortcomings thereof;

(c) whether consideration is being made on the proposal to put in place any alternative system by Government to remove these shortcomings; and

(d) if so, the outline of such proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Targeted Public Distribution System was evaluated by Programme Evaluation Organization of Planning Commission (PEO) and ORG Marg, New Delhi.

Their reports received in March, 2005 and September, 2005 reported that there were diversion/leakages of foodgrains, inclusion and exclusion errors in identifying targeted beneficiaries and operation of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) was not financially viable.

To overcome these shortcomings, a nine-point action plan was finalized during 2006, which is under implementation by States/UT Governments.

Additionally, a revised Citizens' Charter has been issued for adoption and implementation by State/UT Governments for facilitating use by citizens of provisions of Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 in relation to functioning of TPDS.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Government has not decided to put in place any alternative system to TPDS.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi